7.2 Update on the Committee on Tourism and Sustainability (CTS)

58th meeting of the UNWTO Regional Commission for the Américas

Port-au-prince, Haiti
21 May 2015
Committee on Tourism and Sustainability (CTS)

Function:
- Subsidiary Organ of the Executive Council
- Advisory and consultative role

Area of Work aims at:
- Advancing sustainable and resilient tourism development
- Monitoring the implementation of the programme of work of Sustainable Development of Tourism
- Strengthening the normative role for the Secretariat’s work in the area of SDT (recommendations to the Executive Council and other bodies)

Terms of office:
Four-year period

Working language:
English

Composition
2011 - 2015

- Bahamas (Chair)
- Bolivia
- China
- Iran, Islamic Republic of
- Iraq
- Israel (Vice-Chair)
- Senegal
- Serbia
- Seychelles
- Representative of the Associate Members: Flanders
- Representative of the Affiliate Members: Instituto para la Calidad Turística Española (ICTE)
- Invited participants
Report of the CTS

Chronology

• Redefinition of the CTS during the 95th session of the EC, Serbia, May 2013
• Approval of the new rules of procedure during the 96th session of the EC, Zimbabwe, August 2013
• 1st CTS meeting, 25th August 2013
• Election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, 3rd December 2013
• 2nd CTS meeting (virtual), 21st March 2014, with the participation of representatives from Bahamas, Iraq, and Serbia, Flanders and ICTE
• 3rd CTS meeting (virtual), 14th April 2014, with the participation of representatives from Bahamas, Iraq, Israel and Seychelles
• 4th CTS meeting (virtual), 18th February 2015, with the participation of representatives from Bahamas, Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel and Seychelles

The Committee Members contributed to the:

• Validation of the Secretariat’s report and support of the UN General Assembly Resolution 69/233 on “Promotion of sustainable tourism, including ecotourism, for poverty eradication and environment protection”
• Validation of the Operations and Management Guidance document for “Observatories on Sustainable Tourism under the auspices of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)”
• Definition and structure of the Sustainable Tourism Programme (STP) of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP)
• Validation of the Secretariat’s research on “Towards Measuring the Economic Value of Wildlife Watching Tourism in Africa”
• Validation of the research paper “Improving evidence-based decision making in the tourism sector”, presented for discussion in 2014 at the Statistical workshop of OECD and UNWTO in Nara, Japan
Thank you very much!